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MEMORANDUM FOR PDTATAC EDITOR

SUBJECT: Editorial Changes to the JTR
Civilian Editorial C05053 - Evacuation Allowances - Housing Not Habitable - Per Diem while
Employee Working at PDS and Dependents at Safe Haven

1. It is requested that the JFTR, Appendix I, Part B, Section 550.407(d) be revised by adding a note as follows:

Sec. 550.407 Termination of Payments During evacuation

Advance payments or evacuation payments terminate when the responsible official designated by the Secretarial Process determines that:

- (a) The employee is assigned to another duty station outside the evacuation area;
- (b) The employee abandons or is otherwise separated from the assigned position;
- (c) The employee's employment is terminated by transfer to retirement rolls or other type of annuity based on cessation of civilian employment;
- (d) The employee has resumed duties at the duty station from which evacuated; ~~NOTE: TDY allowances are not payable for an employee working at the PDS. However, if incident to an evacuation, an employee's home is not habitable but the employee is required to work at the PDS, the special allowance authority in 5 CFR 550.405 may be used to pay lodging and M&IE expenses for the employee while on duty at the PDS and per diem for dependents at the safe haven (OPM email 26 September 2005).~~
- (e) Payments are no longer warranted; or
- (f) The employee is covered by the Missing Persons Act (50 USC App. §1001 et seq.), unless payment is earlier terminated under these regulations.

2. These changes are scheduled to appear in printed change number 482 of the JTR, dated 1 December 2005.

3. *Revisions in this editorial are effective 28 August 2005.*

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cc:
Director
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SYNOPSIS: Inserts an interpretation by OPM of their evacuation regulations indicating that an employee returned to the PDS may be paid per diem while working at the PDS if the employee's residence is not habitable and the employee's dependents in such case may continue to receive per diem at the safe haven.